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DAITO BUNKA UNIVERSITY GROUP VISITS SAIPAN

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – Six students of Daito Bunka University in Tokyo, Japan, visited Saipan this week on a cultural exchange program with Northern Marianas College.

The students arrived Friday (Jan. 30), accompanied by Professor Hiroshi Tanaka and Associate Professor Shinya Tadakuma, as well as executive Keiki Saegusa of Central Sports, a key organizing partner of the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) for events such as the Saipan Marathon, Tinian Turquoise Blue, and Rota Blue Triathlon.

Given Japan's long-standing role in the tourism economy of the Northern Marianas, the MVA welcomed the opportunity for Japanese students to visit the islands and experience island life, including college life. Many local students, families, and schools have welcomed exchange students through the decades, a tradition the MVA hopes the community will continue to build upon.

On Saturday (Jan. 31), the group took a site-seeing tour of historic and scenic sites, including Banzai Cliff, Suicide Cliff, Last Command Post, and Mt. Tapochao. On Monday (Feb. 2), the group visited Northern Marianas College, where they had a campus tour, attended a lecture, and had lunch before their departure later that day to Japan. The group also made a courtesy call at the MVA during their visit.



Marianas Visitors Authority Managing Director Perry Tenorio, fifth from right, welcomes students Daito Bunka University and during a courtesy call on Jan. 30, 2015. The students were accompanied by university Professor Hiroshi Tanaka and Associate Professor Shinya Tadakuma, as well as executive Keiki Saegusa of Central Sports.

The Northern Mariana Islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota are a chain of idyllic islands in the West Pacific, offering a friendly, fun and exciting vacation in paradise. They are an excellent destination for families, adventure and sports-minded travelers, as well as business people looking for a tropical haven. Adventurous travelers from Asia, Australia, Europe and elsewhere looking for new travel discoveries will find them in the Mariana Islands, just three hours travel from most cities in Japan, and four from Asia and Australia. The Northern Marianas are served from Tokyo and Osaka in Japan by Delta and Asiana Airlines. From Korea, Asiana provides direct flights from Seoul and Busan. From China, direct flight service from Shanghai, Beijing, Guangzhou, Tianjin, Hangzhou and Wuhan to Saipan is available. United Airlines has daily flight connections from nine cities in Japan to Saipan with one stop. United States mainland connections can be made by Delta Air Lines to Saipan via Tokyo Narita, and United Airlines via Guam. For more information, visit www.mymarianas.com.

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